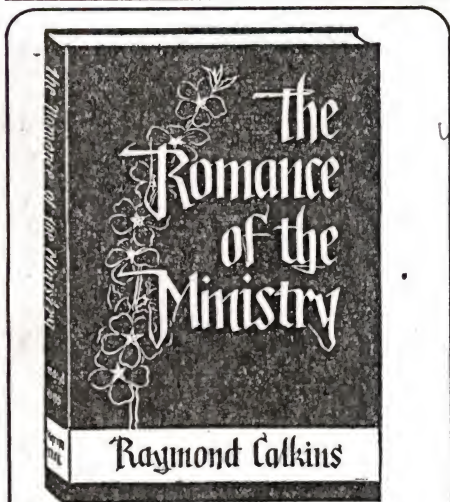


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Critics Denounce Story of Bombing

Publication of Report on Obliteration Air Raids Assailed—Baptists Appeal for World Order and Just Peace

(Correspondence from New York)

NEW YORK, March 11.—Vera Brittain's article opposing area bombing of German cities, and the endorsement of the article by 28 prominent clergymen, which were published in the latest issue of *Fellowship* magazine, have called forth widespread reaction. The original statement was carried on the front page of the *New York Times*, and both that paper and the *Herald Tribune* printed editorials about it. Many have condemned the statement in letters or counter-arguments, among them Mrs. Roosevelt and Daniel Poling. "Freedom House," whose board of directors includes Bishop Henry Hobson, Wendell L. Willkie and Dorothy Thompson, maintained that the appeal against such bombing came as a "distinct shock to the majority of Americans" and that it was "a great lift to enemy morale." Yet a letter printed in the *Times* said that "thousands of Americans who support the war effort [are] becoming increasingly disturbed about the means. . . . We non-pacifists who object to 'obliteration bombing' should be grateful to this courageous group of pacifists who in this instance serve as our spokesmen."

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Says Christianity is Saving China

W. Y. Chen, bishop of the Chungking area of the Methodist Church and secretary of the National Christian Council of China, was welcomed at a meeting in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church here Monday. The World Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Conference, the Federal Council and the local federations united in sponsoring the program. Bishop Henry St. George Tucker presided and Publisher Henry Luce introduced Bishop Chen, who spoke on "The Christian Movement in War-Torn China," saying: "China is passing through an extraordinary period in her national life. In every corner and in the heart of every man the sting of war is felt. But there is no note of defeat. China certainly needs more military equipment including bombers for the defense of her country, but she also needs a new dynamic, the power of God. Only when the lives of the people in whose hands the destiny of China rests are changed can China win real victory, independence, freedom and lasting peace." In conclusion, Bishop Chen declared, "There is a revival of Buddhism. There is an attempt to revive Confucianism. But Christianity is reviving the nation."

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Protestants Attempt Ballroom Preaching

Sponsored by the committee on evangelism of the Greater New York federation of churches, a series of Lenten lectures opened last week in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. The preachers are John Sutherland Bonnell of the Fifth Av-

enue Presbyterian Church and Norman Vincent Peale of the Marble Collegiate Reformed Church. The general topic of the lectures is, "Vital Resources for Living in Difficult Times." The meetings are held at the noon hour on Wednesdays and will continue each week until April 12. A fund of \$15,000 is being raised by the federation to take care of the expense of these meetings and the Easter dawn service.

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Baptists Launch World Order Crusade

G. Merrill Lenox, national chairman of the World Order Crusade of the Northern Baptist Convention, has called for the unanimous cooperation of the 7,500 Northern Baptist churches in America in the crusade. "The overwhelming majority of 1,500,000 Northern Baptists want a post-war world organization that will assure justice and lasting peace," he says. "This opportunity is provided for this vast body of sentiment to reach the ears of those who will determine the peace, it is hoped and expected that hundreds of thousands of letters will be written following World Order Sunday, May 7. Christian people must not live in a vacuum. They must bring their influence directly to bear upon those who will make the decision that will determine the future. Their voice must be heard wherever and whenever moral and spiritual values are at stake. Other denominations have projected, and will project, similar efforts. Every church of every denomination should eventually take action." Others on the committee are G. Pitt Beers, Norris L. Tibbetts, M. Edwin E. Aubrey, D. R. Sharpe, William G. Mather and Donald B. Cloward.

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Negro Schools Combine In Fund Drive

The United Negro College Fund campaign to raise \$1,500,000 to develop further educational facilities for Negroes in institutions was organized at a meeting held at the Waldorf-Astoria this week. The schools represented in the campaign are nearly 50 per cent of the Negroes who receive college training. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, said: "This time has come when we must cease to think of regional or racial standards in education. Although the Negro institutions do not like to take advantage of a period of social unrest in order to gain financially, we feel that the promotion of Negro education at this time will help solve one of the minority problems of the country. Walter Hoving, national chairman of the campaign, pointed out that "thousands of Americans have been lost to the armed services through lack of educational opportunities for Negroes. In Mississippi, Selective Service rejected 20,000 out of 22,000 Negroes for illiteracy." John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is chairman of the national advisory committee.

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And So Forth

John Emerson Zeiter, a young Methodist minister from Huntington, L. I., has been called to the pastorate of Hanson Place Central Methodist Church, Brooklyn.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews announced last week that it had received a substantial contribution to its national reserve fund in memory of William Allen White. J. HENRY CARPENTER.